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Re: SB 989

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Dear Senator Hopgood:

Hon. DAVID MURKOWSKI
Presiding Judge

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Probate Judges Association (MPJA), regarding the above-referenced bill. At its most recent quarterly meeting, the MPJA Executive Board voted to oppose this proposed legislation.

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The Board opposes this bill because, the Child Custody Act already contains numerous provisions to address physical, mental, and emotional risks to children when fashioning custody and parenting time orders. In fact, the law authorizes a court to completely suspend parenting time or to award sole custody to one parent when the other parent poses a risk to their child.

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